

## NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCY

Judge Bradley J. Harris submitted his letter of retirement effective, December 17, 2021. Judge Harris serves as a District Court Judge of the First Judicial District, Sub-District 1B, which includes Black Hawk, Buchanan, Chickasaw, Grundy, Fayette and Howard Counties.

The Governor and Commissioner of Elections have certified a judicial vacancy in Sub-District 1B. The Commission received written notice of the vacancy from the Office of the Governor on October 5, 2021. The Sub-District 1B Judicial Nominating Commission met on October 11, 2021, to outline procedures and timelines to fill the vacancy. Applications will be accepted through November 5, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

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The Judicial Nominating Commission has established procedures for filling the position of District Court Judge in Judicial District 1B and the Supreme Court of Iowa has adopted an application to be completed by each person who wishes to apply for nomination to be a District Court Judge. Copies of the application can be obtained by going to the Commission website at <https://www.iowajnc.gov/district-commissions>.

All applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 5, 2021. *No late applications will be accepted.* Applicants must be active and in good standing to practice law in the State of Iowa, a resident of Judicial Election Sub-District 1-B, and shall be of such age that they will be able to serve an initial and one regular term of office before reaching the age of seventy-two (72) years.

Applicants are directed to mail or personally deliver the original application materials to:  
Judge Kellyann M. Lekar, Commission Chair  
c/o Linda Nilges, District Court Administrator  
316 East Fifth Street  
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Applicants are further directed to email their completed applications to each Commissioner at the email address listed above, as well as to the District Court Administrator at: [linda.nilges@iowacourts.gov](mailto:linda.nilges@iowacourts.gov).

All applications will be considered; however, if there are more applicants than can be effectively interviewed, the commission may elect to screen the applicants and interview only selected applicants. The selected applicants will be given an opportunity to appear before the entire Judicial Nominating Commission for a personal interview. All non-confidential portions of the applicants' submissions and materials shall be open to the public. Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments regarding the qualifications of any applicant. Written comments should be directed the Chair and all Commission members. Applicant interviews shall also be open. The public will be allowed to observe and listen but not interact. Commission deliberations and balloting will take place in closed session. It is expected interviews will be conducted on November 12, 2021.

The Commission will submit the names of two nominees to Governor Reynolds who will then have 30 days to appoint one to fill the vacancy.